

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
May 31, 2018

Board Members Present: Peggy Quint, Charles Bogle, Steve Lasswell, and Randy Wilhelm

Board Members Absent: Greg Smith

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Dave Schneider, Operations Manager; Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Marlys Hartbauer, Vicky Holstad, John Johnston, Ken & Joanna Jones, Tracy Ballard; Wet Mountain Tribune, Mike Haga; SDC Sentinel

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge Allegiance

Manager Medaris had a few housekeeping items to share with the Board.

1. There will be an informal meeting with members from the two towns and county commissioners tomorrow at 10:00 am, either in Mr. Medaris's upstairs office or the downstairs conference room.
2. On Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Medaris and Mr. Schneider will be meeting with the SGM engineers for a pre-pre-design meeting.
3. The Board was informed, that for the first time, the District has been having trouble keeping up with water demand. The tanks are 2/3rds full. The need to re-drill the Smith Well will need to be addressed soon.

Old Business

1. EQR Rate Structure Discussion and Decision

Manager Medaris was asked to present other billing rate structure options. One of the rate structures proposed is a flat rate assessment system. This billing structure can be based on many things; assessment value, EQR's, plumbing fixture equivalents, square footage, property values, etc. Whichever assessment is used, the debt is divided evenly among the number derived. This is used more by City run utilities, than Special District's. If the debt is simply divided equally between accounts, the biggest users pay the same as the small contributors. This is not always an equitable system for distributing the costs.

It was also recommended that a flow-based system be looked at, which also suggested removing the sewer cap. A flow rate system works better in a year-round commercial community. Removing the sewer cap would not be fair for people

doing a lot of irrigating that doesn't affect the sewer system. The flow system might work on the water side if there were more full-time people in residence.

There are several different rate system structures that could work, but a good principle to follow is, those who create the demand should pay for the demand. The Board has reviewed several different options and feel that bringing back the EQR rate system would work best for this district. At least until a professional rate study can be done. The Board was presented with the updates that have been made to the Rules & Regs Section 5 dealing with Rates and Charges.

A call for motion instructing the District Manager to write a Resolution reinstating the EQR system, for both water and sewer, effective June 1, 2018 to be billed the beginning of July, to be presented and voted on at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting. Charles Bogle made a motion; Randy Wilhelm seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### District Manager Report

Manager Medaris suggested to the Board that as dry as it's been, this might be a good time to start the Johnson Ranch Dry-Up. Our water engineer Bruce Kroeker will be contacted to start the process. According to our Water Decree the State has 30 days to complete the dry-up after the request has been submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Herdis Sobel